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HINDUSTAN TIMES JUNE 13 FEATURES ARTICLE ON RADHAKRISHNAN VISIT BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BHATTACHARJEA. BEGIN SUMMARY: VISIT CLARIFIED AND DEFINED ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO INDIA'S DEFENSE BUT DID NOT SIGNIFICANTLY EXTEND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF OR SYMPATHY FOR INDIA'S PROBLEMS AND POLICIES. JOINT COMMUNIQUE GAVE TOP LEVEL RECOGNITION TO COMMON OBJECTIVE OF THWARTING CHICOMS AND "SET PRESIDENTIAL SEAL" ON PLEDGE TO GIVE EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO INDIA'S DEFENSE. MEETINGS OF RADHAKRISHNAN PARTY WITH US COUNTERPARTS HELPED REMOVE LINGERING DOUBTS ON BOTH SIDES CONCERNING INDIA'S ATTITUDES AND SINCERITY OF ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO ASSIST.

PRIVATE MEETING WITH SEVERAL LEADING CONGRESSMEN ALSO USEFUL AND "HELPED ALLAY CONGRESSIONAL COMPLAINTS OF BEING IGNORED BY INDIA'S REPRESENTATIVES" WHICH "WAS RUBBED IN BY PAKISTANI DIPLOMATS WHO CALLED ON MOST CONGRESSMEN INVITED TO MEET DR RADHAKRISHNAN JUST BEFORE HE ARRIVED". RADHAKRISHNAN'S SPEECHES WHICH WERE EXTEMPORE IMPRESSED AUDIENCE BY FLUENCY BUT "DID NOT HAVE IMPACT OF CAREFULLY PREPARED WRITTEN ADDRESSES FROM A HEAD OF STATE." HE OFTEN SPOKE "MORE AS AN UNATTACHED PHILOSOPHER" THAN AS HEAD OF STATE WHOSE COUNTRY WAS IN DANGER. "IMMEDIATE AUDIENCE WAS IMPRESSED BY HIS LEARNING AND DETACHMENT BUT POPULAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHY INDIA WAS SEEKING ARMS AND WHAT IT INTENDED TO DO WITH THEM WAS NOT ENHANCED." US PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS SPEECHES WAS CURSORY, PARTLY BECAUSE THEY WERE GENERAL IN TONE AND ALSO DUE TO ABSENCE OF WRITTEN TEXTS. "EDITORIAL COMMENTS IN TIMES AND OTHER LEADING NEWSPAPERS GAVE MORE IMPORTANCE TO VISIT, BUT "MANY TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS HIS ROLE" IN CONTEXT OF CONGRESS PARTY'S DECLINING PRESTIGE." ITINERARY OF PRESIDENT'S TOUR, INCLUDING VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES AND DISNEYLAND, DETRACTED FROM HIS DIPLOMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN WASHINGTON, BUT THERE NO QUESTION OF GOOD IMPRESSION RADHAKRISHNAN MADE ON THOSE WHO HEARD OR SAW HIM. END SUMMARY.

TIMES OF INDIA EDITORIAL STATES THAT RADHAKRISHNAN'S VISIT "HAS HAPPILY ENGENDERED AN ADDED DEGREE OF WARMTH AND UNDERSTANDING IN INDO-US RELATIONS FAR BEYOND NORMAL COURTESIES OF CEREMONY AND

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PROTOCOL ORDINARILY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH STATE OCCASIONS." EDITORIAL ALSO SAYS THAT "PRESIDENT'S MISSION WAS TO SEEK GOODWILL NOT POLITICAL GAINS, THOUGH LATTER FLOW FROM FORMER." EDITORIAL SAYS FRIENDLY SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT RADHAKRISHNAN AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY "FOUND EARLY EXPRESSION IN TESTIMONY OF SECRETARY RUSK BEFORE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE" WHEN HE SAID THAT US " PREPARED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS IN DEFENSE OF INDIA WHICH REPRESENTS OUR COMMON WAY."

PATRIOT CARRIES ARTICLE BY CORRESPONDENT MARY HAGAN ENTITLED "US VISIT WAS A SUCCESS." ARTICLE SAYS RADHAKRISHNAN HAD COME ON GOODWILL MISSION AND THERE NO QUESTION THAT "EVERYONE WHO HEARD HIM WAS FILLED WITH GOODWILL BOTH FOR INDIA AND HUMANITY."

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